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## Multiyear crab disaster brewing

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NORTH COAST – State officials fear the historic 2015-2016 Dungeness crab collapse may go on for at least another year and probably longer.

Worse, leading scientists have issued a new warning that ocean acidification threatens far greater impacts for decades on the Pacific coast's ecology, environment

and economy.

Charlton Bonham, director of California's Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Eric Sklar, president of the state's Fish and Game Commission, say there is "a real probability in coming years" that the algal blooms that produce poisonous domoic acid, a neurotoxin, in Dungeness crabs will force continuing losses on the \$60 million annual fishery.

Bonham estimates this season's commercial loss at \$48.3 million and climbing.

Regardless, he cautions that millions in federal relief requested by Governor Jerry Brown in February for staggered North Coast crabbers is at least months away, if it materializes at all.

Commercial crab fishermen may have to wait for word on disaster aid from the U.S.

CRABBING ❖ A4

## Humboldt suicide rates likely to rise

*"This county has a horrible, horrible drug and alcohol problem."*

– Chief Deputy Coroner Ernest D. Stewart

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EUREKA – Humboldt County's climbing suicide rate, which claimed a record 43 lives last year, almost certainly will get worse.

Trafficking in more potent drugs and paltry mental health services are fueling the suicide crisis, county officials warn.

Humboldt's deadly toll, in the top 10 counties statewide, coincides with new warnings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and from the California's Department of Public Health about suicide and the street drug fentanyl.

The nation's suicide rate soared 24 percent from 1999 to 2014 and deaths from fentanyl, which is spreading locally, are rising too.

At 43 suicides in 2015, Humboldt's rate is more than four times the state average of 9.4 to 10.2 per 100,000.

"Until we come to grips with it, I see our numbers continuing to rise," warns Humboldt's Chief Deputy Coroner, Ernest D. Stewart. He says a majority of the suicide victims he examines are under the influence, including "poly-drugging," the ingestion of three, four or even five drugs together.

"I can't say enough times, we have a huge drug and alcohol problem," he lamented in an interview last week in his office.

"Per capita, all of Northern California is much higher than Southern California" with respect to suicide deaths, Stewart noted.

None of Humboldt's socio-economic classes is spared, the chief deputy coroner

SUICIDES ❖ A4

## Dip into Arcata's history

Jessie Faulkner

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ARCATA - To fully know the City of Arcata, one must have at least a passing acquaintance with its history. The Arcata Historic Landmarks Commission can help as it reveals tales of the community's past during the celebration of National Historic Preservation Month in May.

The events include narrated tours of the Arcata Plaza explaining the development of some of the town square's more historic buildings as well as the recently restored Lindsey house and the Phillips House Museum, both on Seventh Street.

Historic Landmarks Commission chair Don Tuttle said the tours will not include an inside look at the Lindsey house, but the circa 1858 home – one of the oldest resi-

HISTORY ❖ A4

## UNVEILING McK's NEW TEEN CENTER

Jessie Faulkner

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McKINLEYVILLE - For most community members, Friday night's ribbon-cutting at the new teen center at Pierson Park was the first opportunity to see inside the soon-to-open hangout.

It's not a stretch to conclude that nearly all were impressed with the light-filled, soaring structure adjacent to the McKinleyville Activity Center in Pierson Park.

The McKinleyville Teen and Community Center, a project nearly six years in development, planning and construction is an "it takes a village" effort. McKinleyville Community Services District identified a need to better serve the town's teens; the voters approved a property tax assessment to fund the center's construction; the 12-member McKinleyville Youth Leadership Society (MYLES) surveyed middle and high school students to



**THE GIANT SCISSORS** were deployed once again in McKinleyville, this time for the unveiling of the new McKinleyville Teen & Community Center, top. Above, from left, Michael Rhodes, Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Liz Smith of Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, MCSD board members Helen Edwards, George Wheeler, John Corbett and Dennis Mayo.

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determine the desired programs and provided input for the center's design; SH Cowell Foundation and community members

opened their wallets and finally, the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods signed on to manage

TEEN ❖ A4

## County to track down source of beach pollution

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A proposed wastewater management program includes something that has never been done before in the McKinleyville/Trinidad area – sampling of drainage watercourses to determine sources of fecal bacteria at beach parks.

The county's draft wastewater management program will particularly affect property owners near Clam Beach, Moonstone Beach and Luffenholtz Creek county parks,

and Trinidad State Beach. Those areas are listed as impaired due to unacceptable levels of bacteria.

At its April 19 meeting, Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead for submittal of the draft plan to the state. Known as a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP), the regulatory proposal will be reviewed by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and includes permitting of residential septic systems.

The state requires that an Advanced Protection Management Program be implemented for impaired watershed

areas.

Carolyn Hawkins, a supervising environmental specialist with the county's Environmental Health Division, said the county has a choice in devising its program.

One option is to declare that all new or replacement Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) must conform to current state requirements.

Under that scenario, landowners will have to "supplementally treat effluent before it's discharged to the ground"

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# McDonald named AFD chief

**ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT**  
ARCATA – The Arcata Fire District announced April 26 that Assistant Chief Justin McDonald has been selected to fill the position of Fire Chief. He brings more than 22 years of experience with the Arcata Fire District, starting as a volunteer in 1994 and working at almost every position in the organization.

“I am very excited to be named Fire Chief. It has been a goal of mine since I started as a volunteer. I look forward to working with the district board, career staff and volunteers to meet the expectations of our community,” said Assistant Chief McDonald.



Justin McDonald

District Board Chair Linda Sundberg said, “We are very pleased to have Justin as our next Fire Chief. He has the skills and experience to do a great job and keep our district moving forward. We had great candidates to choose from and Justin really stood out in the process.”

McDonald will step into his new position in late June when current Chief Desmond Cowan retires after 30 years in the fire service.

Chief Cowan expressed his confidence in the selection, “Justin is very smart and talented and it’s reassuring to know that the district will be in such good hands.”

# Outgoing employees honored

**Jessie Faulkner**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
ARCATA - The Arcata City Council and community members heaped praise and applause April 20 on retiring city employees Larry Oetker, Community Development Department director, and Robert Johnson, senior construction specialist.

Johnson, who retired after 20 years with the city, was described as a “helluva good worker” whose handiwork permeates the city from playgrounds to cabinetry. The long-time employee was also praised for his attention to detail, ability to deal with almost any situation and his ability to get along with everyone.

“His coworkers will miss his dry sense of humor, his readiness to help if you had a question and his hard-working no-BS nature,” according to the certificate of appreciation.

Oetker, who retires at the end of

the month after 18 years with the city, was lauded for his leadership in creating hundreds of housing units and jobs for people in need, shepherding multiple large-scale projects through complex regulatory processes and regularly demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of the city’s land use code.

That code, Oetker told the council, is a 500-page book of opportunities.

Throughout his career with the City of Arcata – as associate planner, senior planner, deputy director for redevelopment and community development department director – Oetker said he strove to treat everyone exactly the same. He said he is most proud of seeing individual citizens’ smaller projects come to fruition.

“I’m a dreamer and the city has allowed me to make things happen,” he said.

# New faces on the Plaza

One of the joys of shopping at the Arcata Farmers’ Market is seeing old friends, both behind the booths and those also wandering the Plaza in search of the perfect tomato.

It’s always fun to get recipe ideas from the farmers and to share with them how much everyone enjoyed the kohlrabi quiche. All right, I made that very last part up.

There’s Dean Gilkerson of Earth’n’Hands, who has been on the Plaza with his dynamite peppers and hot sauce for 30 years.

Walk around the outside square and see for yourself the familiar faces at each booth. Many will greet you by name or, at the least, with a welcoming smile. Shopping the market is more than about great veggies and plants. It’s community at its best.

So let’s welcome to that community a brand new booth: Fields Forever Farm.

On a recent Saturday, Ben Kaplan-Good was presiding over a gorgeous pile of garlic scapes. His strawberries had already sold out.

Later in the season, he’ll be bringing squash, corn and beans to round out the offerings.

Kaplan-Good and his partner Alex Pepe are farming two locations with two different soils, so their produce will be varied.

“It’s great to have two different soils,” Kaplan-Good said.

He’s worked on organic farms for five years, the last three at Organic Matters Ranch.

“I was a college dropout, working at a nursery,” he said. “I was 20 years old and moved up here because my brother lives here. I immediately got a job on a farm.”

This is a young man who knew what he wanted to do.

Now he and Pepe have planted “half an acre of garlic, half an acre of strawberries and half an acre of vegetables” at their main field in Dow’s Prairie. They also have planted another field in Eureka.

Thus the name, Fields Forever Farm.



AT THE MARKET  
Janine Volkmar



FIELDS FOREVER Ben Kaplan-Good and his friend Jess Lilley.

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“We’ll have lots of strawberries,” Kaplan-Good predicted, “Dow’s Prairie has that nice sandy soil.”

A customer came up and asked for berries, but Kaplan-Good had to disappoint him. The fellow didn’t seem to mind and went on happily discussing the merits of “ugly” strawberries vs. the perfectly formed berries.

“I have the weird shaped strawberries,” Kaplan-Good told him.

“It’s just like those heritage tomatoes,” the other man said. “Sometimes ugliness tastes best.”

Watch for the ugly strawberries at the booth with the bright red flag. You’ll be supporting one of the market’s newest farmers.

## THIRD DISTRICT DEBATE IN MANILA

Humboldt County’s preeminent news sources – the Lost Coast Outpost and the *Mad River Union* – have teamed up to sponsor a debate between the two candidates running for Third District Supervisor. Mike Wilson and Uri Driscoll will face off on **Tuesday, May 17** from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr.

The candidates are running for the Third District supervisor seat now held by Mark Lovelace, who is not seeking re-election on June 7. The public is encouraged to attend the one-hour debate, during which candidates will answer questions from the moderators, members of the public and even each other.

The Third District includes the communities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Freshwater, Kneeland, Manila and parts of Eureka. For more information, contact the *Mad River Union* at (707) 826-7000 or [editor@madriverunion.com](mailto:editor@madriverunion.com).



# Manila district may raise water rates next year

**Jack Durham**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
MANILA – Due to the closure of a local sawmill and increases in wholesale water prices, the Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) is looking at raising its combined water and sewer rates sometime next year.

The Manila CSD Board of Directors agreed April 21 to request proposals from consultants to prepare a water and sewer rate study – a prelude to a rate hike.

The biggest hit to the district’s water budget is the closure of the Sierra Pacific Industries sawmill, located along the banks of Mad River Slough.

The plant milled its last log at the end of March and is in the process of being fully shuttered.

The mill is the district’s biggest customer, accounting for 10 percent, or \$17,400, of its water budget and 7 percent, or \$13,400, of its sewer budget.

While revenues are predicted to dip when the mill finally closes, the cost of providing water to residents of the salty outpost is steadily rising.

The cost for the district to purchase water from its wholesale water supplier, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), may go up by \$10,000 in the next fiscal year.

The losses from the mill and the increased cost of buying water would likely be passed on to the district’s 350 customers.

Although the mill will cease to use water when it’s closed, that won’t result in any savings for the district, which gets a water allocation from the HBMWD and isn’t charged by the gallons used.

The district, however, may see a small amount of savings in sewer costs when the mill is finely closed.

The request for proposals from consultants may be sent out this summer, with the rates increased sometime next year.

## ❖ - Corrections

If Humboldt State Journalism Prof. Howard Seemann were still alive, he would give *Union* Editor Jack Durham an automatic F for last week’s article “To pull or not to pull?” in which Dan Edrich’s name was misspelled.

Last week’s article “PlanCo rejects harbor rezone” about temporarily allowing non-coastal dependent land uses around Humboldt Bay erroneously stated that the county’s Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District is advancing the proposal. The proposal is being advanced by county planning staff, not the district.

The *Union* regrets the errors.

**ARCATA COUNCIL** The Arcata City Council meets **today, May 4** at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 736 F St. in Arcata. The council will make various appointments and discuss the Council Protocol Manual.

**McK BOARD** The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors meets **today, May 4** starting with a closed session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the performance of Manager Greg Orsini. The regular meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The board will hear a presentation on a salmon restoration project, among other things.



FURNITURE ON THE PLAZA

Confidence is not ‘they will like me.’

Confidence is

‘I’ll be fine if they don’t.’

Anonymous

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<b>Arcata City Council</b> Meets first & third Wednesday	today, May 4 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	<a href="http://cityofarcata.org">cityofarcata.org</a>
<b>Blue Lake City Council</b> Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Building behind City Hall	<a href="http://bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas">bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation District</b> Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	<a href="http://humboldt bay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice s">humboldt bay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice s</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD)</b> Meets second Thursday	Thursday, May 12 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	<a href="http://hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule">hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule</a>
<b>Humboldt County Board of Supervisors</b> Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, May 10 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	<a href="http://humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
<b>Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD)</b> Meets third Thursday	Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	<a href="http://manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm">manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</a>
<b>McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD)</b> Meets first Wednesday	today, May 4 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	<a href="http://mckinleyvillecsd.com">mckinleyvillecsd.com</a>
<b>McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC)</b> Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	<a href="http://humboldt gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ">humboldt gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</a>
<b>Trinidad City Council</b> Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	<a href="http://trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html">trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html</a>



# Supervisors praise timber company’s ‘cautious approach’

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Reflecting the evolution of Humboldt County’s timber industry, county supervisors have praised the Humboldt Redwood Company for its management of 209,000 acres of forestland previously owned by the intensely controversial Maxxam corporation.

Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) took ownership of the Maxxam-owned Pacific Lumber Company holdings in a bankruptcy reorganization and began operations in 2008. That action ended the county’s timber wars, an era of aggressive Maxxam logging and community division over its impacts.

In the wake of those battles, HRC has emerged as a Forest Stewardship Council-certified company that has dramatically reduced harvest rates, adopted a no-harvest policy on remaining old growth and invested in road crossing upgrades and sediment reduction and removal.

John Andersen, HRC’s director of forest policy, updated the Board of Supervisors on the company’s operations at the board’s April 26 meeting. He said that HRC’s gaining control of the Humboldt timberlands has led to major changes in timber operations.

“We had a commitment from the beginning to reduce the harvest on the property,” Andersen said, explaining that before it went bankrupt, Pacific Lumber harvested 187 million board feet of timber per year.

Because HRC “saw that a lot of work needed to be done to get anywhere close to that harvest level,” the average annual rate was reduced to 53 million board feet per year, he continued, a 71 percent reduction.

“And we’re starting to see the fruits of those labors now – those clear-cuts are getting really fuzzy and hard to see from the highway,” said Andersen.

All 80 of the timber harvest plans “inherited” from Pacific Lumber were switched from clear-cut operations to single tree selection, he continued, and HRC addressed sediment, road-related erosion and other watershed protection issues.

Andersen added that the company’s restoration projects in the Law-

rence Creek, Elk River and Bear River watersheds have boosted fish habitat.

The company has also made business-related investments. Andersen highlighted improvements to its Scotia mill and its marketing efforts.

He said \$20 million has been invested on improving the sawmill’s efficiency and production flexibility. A cogeneration plant is now back in operation and the company’s operations encompass 250 jobs, he continued.

Andersen added that the company has also spent \$15 million for marketing to “tell people how strong and how beautiful and how sustainable redwood is.”

Supervisor Estelle Fennell, who reported extensively on the timber wars when she was news director for KMUD radio, praised HRC for its work and its “cautious approach.”

But the company is not completely free of controversy. It filed a legal challenge against a state agency’s water quality actions related to its timber harvest plan in the Elk River watershed. Several environmental groups have joined forces to oppose the company’s litigation.

Commenting on the company’s approach, Andersen told supervisors that overall work reflects a commitment to environmental care.

“We have six agencies that watch us like a hawk when it comes to timber harvesting and our road work,” he said. Although he acknowledged that the Elk River watershed “still has its issues downstream,” Andersen said that sediment discharges from the company’s forests have been addressed.

“I challenge anyone to find a sediment spot, we’ve spent so much money in that watershed,” he continued.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace, who was a well-known environmental advocate before becoming supervisor, said that although some people have concerns, HRC has “managed to change the conversation around timber harvesting in Humboldt County and on the North Coast.”

Only one speaker addressed supervisors during a public comment period. Blue Lake resident Kent Sawatsky equated the lack of public commentary with lack of controversy.



**FROM ABOVE** Aerial photo of Foster Avenue road extension, trail and roundabout. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

# Engineers laud Arcata project

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata’s Arcata City Trail and Foster Avenue Extension project was named the 2015 Project of the Year by the North Coast Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The Arcata City Trail forms the northern end of the planned 13-mile long Humboldt Bay Trail which will run between Eureka and Arcata and provide transportation, recreation and coastal access opportunities for the public.

The Foster Avenue Extension project diverts traffic from adjacent residential areas and creates an east-west commuter and truck arterial route in central Arcata and a more direct connection between U.S. Highway 101 and Alliance Road. Both projects were designed by GHD with the aim of improving the livability and sustainability of the area.

Funding for the project was provided by California State Transportation Improvements Program (STIP) funds and Arcata General Fund Measure G tax revenue. The Foster Av-

enue Extension was originally planned by the city in the mid-1970s when the need for the traffic route was determined. Funding was finally approved in 2002, but due to numerous state budget shortfalls and because the project is off the state highway system, construction was delayed until 2015.

“The Foster Avenue Extension is probably the only major new road we will see constructed in Arcata in the foreseeable future,” said Arcata City Engineer Doby Class. “This project best demonstrates a model multi-modal project that will be a major improvement in transportation across our city.”

The Foster Avenue Extension was constructed by Mercer-Fraser Company at a cost of \$2,028,013. The Arcata City Trail from Samoa Boulevard to Foster Avenue was constructed by McCullough Construction for \$1,241,080.

The American Society of Civil Engineers San Francisco Section North Coast Branch presented the award to the City of Arcata on April 21.

**ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION** There are three upcoming vacancies on the Arcata Planning Commission. Any Arcata citizen or anyone who lives or works within the Arcata Planning Area is invited to apply for this influential city commission. Arcata’s planning commissioners are volunteers who attend two meetings a month. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, July 8. The Arcata City Council will interview applicants on Wednesday, July 20 at a time to be announced. For applications, a map of the Arcata Planning Area and a list of city street addresses, visit [cityofarcata.org/449/Vacancies-Applications](http://cityofarcata.org/449/Vacancies-Applications). Applications are also available at the Arcata City Manager’s office, 736 F St., Arcata. For more information, call (707) 822-5953.

# Teen | Boys & Girls Club to run new center

❖ FROM A1

the center.

Once inside the angular facade, visitors examined the classroom, the music studio, the future kitchen, chatted in the spacious lobby/game room/lounge area, peeked at the quiet study room while nibbling refreshments and listening to Northcoast Preparatory Academy musicians perform.

Those gathered included MCSD board members, Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods board members, 5th District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg (the recipient of a spontaneous *Happy Birthday* chorus) and many others, from staff to MYLS to interested residents.

Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods Executive Director Liz Smith said the organization is in the process of hiring a director for the center. Among the activities planned for the center are cooking classes, gardening activities, a music program, a good citizenship/character program and

working with the participants on academic success.

The results of the MYLS survey were posted, showing some of the activities of particular interest to Northern Humboldt teens. One of the popular desires, according to the youth surveyed, was cooking classes. More than 50 percent of those questioned said they would enroll in such courses if offered.

Several pieces of furniture - borrowed for the event - included tags noting their value and invitation to purchase for the center. Organizers are currently hoping to raise \$100,000 to furnish the nearly complete facility.

What may make the McKinleyville Teen and Community Center unique among similar facilities elsewhere is the involvement of teens in determining almost everything

from design to programs offered.

“This is their vision happening,” MCSD Youth Program Director Jesse Miles said.

The teens surveyed, for example, stressed a desire for natural light and redwood in the building’s construction. Both were abundant in the central open space.

It’s been 20 years since the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods opened a teen center in Eureka. Since that time, the club has gradually expanded its programs to areas

outside of Eureka including an afterschool program in Loleta and summer programs in Arcata and Fortuna.

There’s long been an interest in serving the students of the Northern Humboldt area, Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods board member Lyn Scott said.

“This really has been the best opportunity,” he said.

One of the keys, Scott added, is the abil-

ity to invite teens in a manner that will succeed in earning their participation. Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods staff members have that skill well tuned, he said.

“It has to be a space the teens want to be in as well,” Scott said.

Both MCSD General Manager Greg Orsini and Smith thanked the community for their steadfast support of the center.


“Thank you for welcoming us in your community,” Smith told an attentive crowd.

The Boys and Girls Club executive director reminded everyone there is still an opportunity to help - particularly in furnishing the center.

“There’s another \$100,000 that needs to be raised,” she said.

The McKinleyville Teen and Community Center grand opening is set for early June. Fifth District Supervisor Sundberg credited the staff and residents’ efforts for making that happen.

“This is so fantastic,” he said. “I’m very proud of this community. It’s just absolutely fabulous.”



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# History | Opportunity to learn more

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dences in Arcata – has links to an early day murder. The tours will be held Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, May 21 beginning at noon.

Both the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Historical Sites Society of Arcata will be staffing tables at the Farmers’ Market on those days and will have books

for sale, Tuttle said.

In addition, Bill Rich will be speaking on the Wiyot history of the area on May 21.

Meanwhile, those wishing to get a glimpse of Arcata in the early days can visit the hallway adjacent to Willow, a clothing store on the south side of the Plaza, where several historic images are on display for public perusal.

At its April 20 meeting, the Arcata City Council designated May as National Historic Preservation Month in Arcata and encouraged the city’s residents to visit the Phillips House Museum at Seventh and Union streets, open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Here’s a head start on Arcata’s history that you can learn about:

- The Plaza Improvement Committee built an impressive bandstand in the center of the Plaza in 1901, and banned cattle

from grazing on the Plaza thereafter. However, the bandstand was dismantled just five years later to make way for the statue of President William McKinley.

- The current home of Tri Counties Bank (formerly the Bank of America) at Eighth and G streets was once the site of Pioneer Stables built around 1875. The business catered to the public’s enchantment with bicycles in the 1890s including a wheel room and a ladies’ dressing room.

# Crabbing | Ocean acidification poses new challenges

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Commerce Department until the end of June, July or even August, Bonham testified April 28. He appeared at a hearing in Sacramento of the state legislature’s Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, chaired by Sen. Mike McGuire (2nd Senate district).

Bonham told the committee that Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzger and her department’s National Marine Fisheries Service want a more complete data picture of the crab losses before issuing a disaster declaration.

In the meantime, separate from but parallel with Brown’s request, California’s congressional delegation has offered language in both the House and Senate that would provide as much as \$138 million in relief, not only for fishermen but also for ancillary businesses hurt by the crab closure, such as grocery stores and restaurants.

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) has introduced the Crab Emergency Disaster Assistance Act of 2016 in the House, designated H.R. 4711. Counterpart language has been submitted in the Senate by Sen. Barbara Boxer, who is retiring from the 114th Congress in early January, 2017.

In view of presidential election politics and Washington’s divided government, there is no guarantee the bill will make it through the congressional appropriations process (*Union*, Feb. 17).

Even if it does, the aid might be no more than a stopgap if forecasts are correct that the industry’s plight will probably be years long.

Harmful algal blooms produce the domoic acid in Dungeness crabs that can be fatal to humans, which is what led state agencies to close this season’s crab harvest, with certain exceptions.

Research of the acidification risks to crustaceans by NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shows that settled Dungeness crab megalops and pink shrimp larvae are the most at risk from a high degree of exposure to acidic waters. (Megalop is the larval stage of marine crabs immediately before the adult stage.)

A detailed analysis released in April by 20 scientists of

the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel says regional ocean circulation patterns “dramatically increase the potentially devastating effects of ocean acidification hypoxia,” meaning depressed levels of dissolved oxygen in seawater, which alter its chemical makeup.

As NOAA’s Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory explains, chemical reactions occur when the ocean absorbs carbon dioxide. Those reactions deplete the calcium carbonate minerals organisms need to build their shells and skeletons. The shortfall can inhibit both reproduction and shell maintenance.

The lab calculates that surface ocean waters have experienced approximately a 30 percent increase in acidity since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

Its forecast for the future portends a globe-girdling catastrophe: “Estimates of future carbon dioxide levels, based on business-as-usual emission scenarios, indicate that by the end of this century the surface waters of the ocean could be nearly 150 percent more acidic, resulting in an [acid level] that the oceans haven’t experienced for more than 20 million years.”

The West Coast is more vulnerable than other coastal regions, warn the scientists from Stanford, University of Washington, Oregon State University, UC Davis and UC San Diego, among others, who are members of the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel.

They state in their report that “even if atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions could immediately be stabilized, the West Coast would still be grappling with increasingly carbon dioxide-rich waters for at least the next three decades.”

The deterioration is compounded by global climate change, also caused by rising carbon dioxide emissions. Warming seawater robs the oceans of their capacity to hold dissolved oxygen, threatening organisms of many kinds.

The panel recommends that policymakers adopt integrated agency management of coastal resources aimed at providing fishing industries with resilience through strategic ecological techniques and protected areas.

The themes of resilience and management arose at Sen.

McGuire’s legislative hearing late last week. Bonham and Sklar called for stronger interagency coordination, faster and more comprehensive ocean sampling and better, more immediate communication with crabbers about what to expect.

The bureaucracy is not “nimble” enough, Sklar said, because jurisdiction is spread across numerous government agencies. On the plus side, he noted, there were no poisonings from crab consumption, meaning the closure was a success.

As for “resilience,” Sklar said North Coast communities in particular lack the readiness to deal with an emergency shutdown. Ways must be found, including better communication, to cushion crabbers and their crews so that a crisis “is not such a body blow,” he said.

McGuire agreed, lamenting that an untold number of North Coast crab fishermen have lost a devastating 75 to 100 percent of annual income.

Although the California Department of Public Health and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment agreed in mid-March on a partial lifting of the ban on Dungeness crabs caught south of the Sonoma/Mendocino County Line, there has been no relief for Humboldt and Del Norte counties, McGuire pointed out.

As he has before, the senator urged state officials to re-evaluate the validity of the existing test thresholds for domoic acid in Dungeness crabs. Questions have been raised about whether the limits of 20 parts per million (ppm) in crab meat and 30 ppm in crab viscera are too strict.

But a UC Santa Cruz scientist, Dr. Clarissa Anderson, admonished McGuire’s committee in February that far from being too high, the latest research shows the limits are not high enough. They are being debated internally by the Food and Drug Administration.

Calling it his “bottom line,” McGuire asked Bonham for state funds to compensate crab fishermen for the expenses they incur when collecting oceangoing samples on the state’s behalf. Bonham was non-committal.

Likewise, when McGuire pressed the director generally about providing additional dollars in the governor’s May revision of his proposed Fiscal 2016-2017 budget, Bonham said he had no proposal to offer.

# Suicides | ‘Fentanyl is becoming big’ in Humboldt

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ner said. His autopsies encompass victims from the highly affluent and the middle class to the lower socio-economic orders and the indigent poor.

Stewart has no doubts about why Humboldt County is in such big trouble. Speaking in unequivocal terms, he declared, “I think there is a direct connection between the marijuana industry and the high suicide rate. The one consistent thing I’m finding in the majority of suicides is that the deceased were under the influence, whether it be marijuana, methamphetamine, prescription drugs, heroin or a combination.”

Stewart deplores what he judges to be Humboldt’s infatuation with the corrosive culture and moral psychology bred by the marijuana industrial complex. He condemns the obdurate blind eye to the ongoing tragedy of an unrelenting drug epidemic, incubated and birthed by marijuana and alcohol consumed across all demographics, teenagers high among them. Humboldt’s drug infestation has become multi-generational, he contends, passed along from parent to child, ruining lives and generating immense medical and legal costs.

Elaborating, Stewart observed, “There is a great deal of denial in Humboldt County. We have a very tolerant and permissive community. A lot of that attitude

starts with the marijuana industry. It creates a cultural context; a lot of people just don’t see drugs as being that bad. I see the damage drugs cause, I see the bodies that come through my office.

“Personally,” he adds, “I absolutely believe marijuana is a gateway drug to a certain extent, as I do that alcohol is, too. I don’t believe any mood-altering substance lacks the potential to lead you to try something else.”

Asked why county officials refuse to caution the public that marijuana, even medical marijuana, can injure health and lead to other addictions, Stewart invoked an age-old truth. “To a certain extent their hands are tied because their superiors at the state level are the ones who set policy and procedure. Politically you have to say what your superiors say.”

Alcohol is the leading drug used on a regular basis by Humboldt County teens, according to Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention, a community coalition.

Fully one-third of 11th-graders report “binge drinking during the last 30 days, as measured by the California Healthy Kids Survey” and cited by the coalition. Often, teenagers mix alcohol and marijuana as their favored introductory escapes into the drug world.

Stewart asked his daughter, a senior in 2013 at Eureka High, how available drugs were at

school. He quoted her: “Dad, you can get any drug you want, any day you want. I can go into that school and I can get whatever I want and whatever you want.”

A handful of parents interviewed anecdotally said the same about other Humboldt middle and high schools, reaching back years.

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“It’s just the perfect storm that puts people in crisis.”

– Ernest D. Stewart

one of the most potent drugs out there. It is a quick-acting, intense rush and high, but it is relatively short-lasting. In an hour it’s out of your system and you’re looking for more, whereas heroin might last four to six hours.

“In addition to everything else, Humboldt County has a huge prescription medication problem. When doctors refuse to renew a prescription, users turn to street drugs, including prescription medications like fentanyl. Synthetic fentanyl is increasingly available but pharmaceutical is widespread too. We come across a lot of it.”

Asked why so many of last year’s record suicides resulted from gunshot wounds or from self-asphyxiation when victims hanged themselves, rather than directly from drug overdoses, Stewart explained, “When somebody is upset or in crisis and adds alcohol, marijuana, meth or prescription drugs, [the ingestion] may take them to the next level and they start thinking about suicide.

“They start seeing it as a viable option. Would a sober person make the same decision? Very few people who come through here test positive for only one drug. They’re poly-drugging. They take heroin to calm themselves down and when they get too low, they try to balance it out with a methamphetamine.”

Another example: a victim may succumb to a meth psychosis, which produces intense hallucinations and delusions. “The mind

of a long-time user on an extended three-to-five day run is not working right. You haven’t slept for five days and you become super-paranoid,” said Stewart.

In other words, according to Stewart, the method the victim chooses to end his or her life, whether by gun or by rope, must be distinguished from the intoxicants in the body.

Exacerbating the county’s drug epidemic, Stewart emphasized, “We have a high mental health crisis as well. To my mind, there is a direct correlation between mental health issues and drug and alcohol addiction. You might be able to manage one, you might be able to manage the other, but when you combine the two, it’s just the perfect storm that puts people in crisis.”

The coroner worries that county mental health services “are way under what they should be. We need to be more proactive and we need to take a preventative approach to suicide. We need to get to people before they’re in crisis. Because once they’re in crisis, it’s a tipping scale of 50/50; they can go either way, even if you have intervention.”

But there is a complication. Even if the county shored up its mental health services to the level desperately needed, “we still have to find a way to get people who are headed for crisis to seek out our help. A lot of that would have to be done through public education programs, public outreach. And there absolutely isn’t enough of that, either.”

# Beach | Upstream septic systems may be tracked

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if a property’s border is within 600 feet of an impaired watershed area.

Hawkins said such systems are “complex, expensive systems to design, install and maintain.” She added that a LAMP working group believes a second option, to develop “locally tailored special provisions,” is a better one to pursue.

The working group’s proposal “looks upstream of the designated impaired waters,” Hawkins continued, and sets 200-foot buffers from the watercourses that flow into them. She said the drainage sampling program would, for the first time, identify sources of bacteria as being from birds, cows, humans or other animals.

She added that in the three years since

the state has required supplemental treatment systems for properties within 600 feet of the impaired areas, no new development requests or system repairs have been advanced.

The 600-foot buffer standard would affect 67 property owners, while the 200-foot upstream provision would affect 303 landowners. The difference is seen most in the Clam Beach area, where the 600-foot buffer would not be relevant to any property owners, but the 200-foot upstream buffer would affect 123 property owners due to proximity to Strawberry Creek and Patrick Creek.

Though the draft LAMP’s 200-foot buffer provision would affect more properties, Hawkins said it would “likely get to the root

of the problem before the regional (water) board has to come in.”

The LAMP has to be submitted by May 13 and was developed through a public meeting process and formation of the working group. Noting the lack of property owners and realtors in attendance, Supervisor Virginia Bass said she is not convinced that the outreach process was effective.

“The fact that none of them are here just absolutely floors me,” she continued.

Hawkins said the heavily bureaucratic nature of the regulatory process may have discouraged participation.

Commenting on current requirements, Supervisor Rex Bohn said they may be discouraging property owners from seeking permits. “I wonder how many people are fixing their systems without going anywhere near your office,” he told Hawkins.

Bohn added, “It’s funny how much crap is like marijuana – if we over-price it, we’re not going to get any results.”

Supervisors were surprised to hear of the state’s 600-foot buffer requirement, since some larger parcels would have septic systems sited far from the impaired areas. They asked County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck to confirm the requirement’s setback.

During public comment, a Hydesville resident said “non-standard” residential septic systems with histories of reliable operation should generally be exempted from permitting and supervisors asked staff to discuss that with the regional water board.

Grey water systems, compost toilets and pit toilets are not included in the LAMP’s oversight. The LAMP will be approved by the water board within a year and will be implemented by May of 2018.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Crash results in major injuries

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**BIG LAGOON** – A New Jersey man was arrested Sunday, April 24 on suspicion of drunk driving after he allowed his car to cross the center line on U.S. Highway 101 near Big Lagoon and smashed into another vehicle.

At about 10:24 p.m. John F. Connelly, 66, of Hewitt, New Jersey, was driving a 2016 Mazda northbound on the highway. Connell drifted across the center line and

collided with a 2012 Ford driven by James Simmons II, 43, of Arcata.

Both Connelly and Simmons suffered major injuries as a result of the crash and were both transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata.

Connelly was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and released at the hospital before being transported by air ambulance to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital.

## Booze-fueled bozos busted

• **Thursday, April 21 1:56 a.m.** On Garden Lane in Bayside, Heather May allegedly violated a restraining order when she entered a home and allegedly threatened to beat up a man and have her friends come over to provide some additional slugging assistance. May then located a baseball bat in the house and allegedly threatened to hit the guy with it. When deputies arrived, May was gone. A request for a warrant has been forwarded to the District Attorney.

**1:37 p.m.** An unknown person opened a Verizon Wireless account under the name of a resident on Camino Way in McKinleyville and accrued \$561 in charges.

**3:41 p.m.** Charles Ryan and a woman got into an argument, which then escalated and became physical out in Blue Lake. Ryan allegedly grabbed the victim and pushed her to the ground, causing her head to hit a kitchen table. Ryan was arrested on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a cohabitant and booked into the county jail.

**10:24 p.m.** A woman in Blue Lake came home and found Michael Downard sitting on her couch watching television. A criminal protective order was in place to keep Downard away, but he didn't care. When the victim told Downard to leave, an argument ensued and he allegedly backhanded the woman across the face. By the time deputies arrived, he was gone. A warrant request for allegedly violating a criminal protective order and battery to an ex-spouse was forwarded to the District Attorney.

• **Friday, April 22 2:25 a.m.** A woman in McKinleyville who has endured years of physical and verbal abuse had yet another bad day, during which Shane Green allegedly struck her in the head numerous times with a steel-toed boot, struck her numerous times with closed fist all over her body, choked her, spit on her and pulled and dragged her around by her hair. The woman finally had enough and called deputies. Green was arrested on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and booked into the county jail.



**6:40 p.m.** Johnny Gallegos, who was good and drunk, tried to get into his truck and drive away at a casino in Trinidad, but casino security stopped him and called the Sheriff's Office. When a deputy arrived, Gallegos was found arguing with security guards. The deputy intervened and asked Gallegos if a friend could come pick him up and take him home. Gallegos agreed to the plan, so the deputy walked away and chatted with the security guard. But when the deputy returned to the scene, Gallegos was again trying to get into his truck. Next stop: drunk tank.

• **Saturday, April 23 1:20 a.m.** A customer entered the McKinleyville Safeway and was greeted by a white male adult who pointed a compact stainless steel .45-caliber handgun at him. The customer decided to exit the store, and when he did, the gun-wielding guy also left. The suspect was wearing tan Carhartt pants and black high-top Converse sneakers.

**3:46 a.m.** Over on Silverado Place in McKinleyville, William Nichols banged on a front door of a house that he thought belonged to his aunt, but it did not. Deputies responded and tried to talk to Nichols, but he refused to give officers his name or answer any questions. Nichols smelled like booze, had trouble standing up against the forces of gravity and was slurring his speech. Next stop: the drunk tank.

**8:08 a.m.** In the area of Dow's Prairie and Clam Beach roads, a deer had somehow impaled its thigh on a metal fence post. A merciful deputy dispatched the animal.

**12:21 p.m.** Bradford Hill was found slumped over behind the Chevron station on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. He was transported to the jail to sober up.

**9:06 p.m.** Over on Coach Way in McKinleyville, a parent attempted to retrieve child's laptop from another parent. A physical altercation ensued. Deputies were called and the parents said they both wanted to press charges. But when it was explained to them that it was a case of mutual combat, they changed their minds. Report taken.

## Armed robbery at adult store

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**ARCATA** – An armed robber barged into the Pleasure Center around noon on Tuesday, April 26, displayed a gun and got away with an undisclosed amount of money.

Arcata Police (APD) was called to the Northtown business at 1731 G St. – which sells adult toys and videos – right after the armed robbery occurred.

A single suspect entered the store and brandished a handgun at the clerk, demanding money.

The suspect then fled

the business running south on H Street with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect was described as a white male in his twenties, 5 feet, 7 inches, heavy build, wearing a black ski mask, black jacket and blue jeans.

The suspect was seen on H Street removing his mask and was described as having shorter curly dark hair.

APD is requesting that anyone with information contact the APD business line at (707) 822-2424 or the Crime Tip Line at (707) 825-2588.



**MASKED MAN** Store security captured this image of the suspect. SUBMITTED PHOTO



**S.C.O.P. ON THE SCENE** Volunteers assist the Sheriff's Office with various duties, including assisting at special events such as McKinleyville's annual Easter egg hunt. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**SHERIFF'S CITIZENS ON PATROL**  
**HUMBOLDT** – The Humboldt County Sheriff's Citizens On Patrol (S.C.O.P.) was established in 1996 to allow citizens to voluntarily serve with the Sheriff's Office.

S.C.O.P has been known as the "eyes and ears" of the Sheriff's Office. Volunteers perform a variety of functions in the Sheriff's Office, including, but not limited to traffic control, patrol in a S.C.O.P vehicle, boating and marine patrol, vacation house checks, filing, assisting at the Humboldt County Sheriff's Animal Shelter, special events and

disaster assistance.

In calendar year 2016, S.C.O.P. volunteers logged approximately 22,919 miles patrolling various parts of Humboldt County. They provided 152 vacation house checks, 14,183 business checks, 1,984 parks and playground checks, 1,731 school checks, 2,245 community buildings and churches checks and donated 5,190 hours. They also assisted at 30 special events.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Citizens On Patrol train and educate citizens about general law enforcement, specifically the Sher-

iff's Office. Some of the deputies currently working at the Sheriff's Office started their careers in the S.C.O.P program

S.C.O.P. members are required to be at least 21 years of age, have a valid California Drivers License, pass a background check and donate at least 17 hours a month. Volunteers accepted will receive 32 hours of training in the S.C.O.P Academy.

Anyone interested in joining the S.C.O.P. program can contact S.C.O.P Captain Bernie Jorgensen at (707) 268-2536, or visit [humboldtgov.org/sheriff](http://humboldtgov.org/sheriff).

## Loud parties are a chronic issue. Get it? Chronic?

• **Friday, April 15 1:16 p.m.** Two hirsute men, one with a long black ponytail and the other with both mustache and beard, parked their unplated vehicle in a cul-de-sac near L.K. Wood, proceeded westward down a trail and then engaged in an unspecified act of vandalism, for which they were promptly arrested.

**4:32 p.m.** A woman was startled when a man in his 20s with short, buzzed hair opened her H Street apartment door and asked whether "John" was there. Suspecting that his intent was more larcenous than social, she notified police, who were unable to locate either the man or John.

**6:05 p.m.** On Alliance Road, the driver of a vehicle that collided with a water line fled the scene, but did leave behind his insurance card.

**7:15 p.m.** On Frederick Avenue, loud partying is a chronic problem.

**7:50 p.m.** The party grew more chronic.

**11:03 p.m.** A Zelia Court party featured loud music.

**11:32 p.m.** A patron of a South G brewery emerged after one hour in the tasting room to find their red and white Cannondale B-9 bike with 29-inch wheels,



which had been locked to another bike on the bike rack, was no longer.

• **Saturday, April 16 12:44 a.m.** After an interval of quiet, the Zelia Court party got loud again, resulting in a citation.

**6:43 a.m.** A heavily-built gray-bearded man in a tan hat, brown jacket and vest was advised not to stand in front of an Alliance Road apartment dumpster, staring at the sky.

**7:07 a.m.** A blue Bianchi road bike disappeared from a Courtyard Circle porch some time in the night.

**9:16 a.m.** A dreadlocked man in khaki pants and black hat lay on the sidewalk in front of a Janes Road Mexican cantina, raising concerns for his well-being; he was moved along.

**11:43 a.m.** Men were reported selling strawberries without a permit at Seventh and Union and Bayside and Crescent.

**12:08 p.m.** Hardworking farmers seeking to sell the fruits of their labors – a box of artichokes – at the Farmers' Market instead found themselves the victims of opportunivores.

**4:01 p.m.** A toothless woman in a brown sweater and jeans was arrested for public intoxication

after throwing chairs around in a Valley West kebabery.

**5:48 p.m.** It should go without saying, but please do not skateboard on the freshly poured concrete ramp at the southwest corner of the Plaza.

**7:04 p.m.** A sick, possibly dying, no, dead, cow in the field across from a lower G street playground raised concerns, but the owner's voicemail box was too full to care.

**7:15 p.m.** Loud party on 11th Street.

**8:18 p.m.** Aerial fireworks by the ballpark.

**8:38 p.m.** The party and the fireworks may somehow be related.

**10:04 p.m.** A combative man in a black Fila T-shirt, blue jeans and combat boots threatened hospital staff before ripping the I.V. from his left arm. He was moved along.

• **Sunday, April 17 4:11 a.m.** A heavily tattooed barefoot bald guy in a white shirt and grey sweatpants prowled around a Valley West inn attempting to get into the back door before entering the lobby and claiming he had a room there, which he did not. He disappeared into the night.

**6:56 a.m.** A man in an orange safety vest screamed and threw his possessions around in front of the door of an I Street grocery store, resulting in his arrest.

## Desperately seeking foster parents

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**HUMBOLDT** – In response to a chronic need for foster homes in Humboldt County, the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is reaching out to the community and asking for some heroes to step up.

Emergency short-term homes are needed in addition to long-term foster care families throughout the county.

To help meet this need, DHHS has produced an outreach campaign that features community members who are local heroes in their day-to-day lives – doctors, firefighters, paramedics and police officers – joining the recruiting efforts.

"Families are facing hard times in Humboldt County," said Michele Stephens, DHHS deputy director of Child Welfare Services, adding that substance abuse plays a big role in the impact on parents and their children.

"When it reaches the threshold of children needing to be removed, it is critical that we respond not only as a department, but as a community," Stephens said. "Right now the need for short-term and long-term foster homes is significant."

When a child must be removed from his or her family of origin, social workers first attempt placement with a relative, someone known to the child, or a tribally-approved home for tribal children. When this is not possible, a committed, loving foster home is needed for placement.

Placement for older teens is particularly important, as are homes that keep siblings together.

Foster families are needed for various lengths' stay, from emergency shelter care to permanent placement. Adults of all ages and backgrounds and families of all types are encouraged to apply. Single moms and dads, gay and lesbian couples – anyone able to open their heart and home is being sought.

DHHS staff provides applicants with assistance navigating the licensing underprocess. Children in foster care are eligible for Medi-Cal, which includes no-cost medical and dental care as well as counseling services. Monthly stipends are paid to the foster parents.

Currently, there are 339 children in foster care in Humboldt County. The county has 130 active relative, non-related extended family or tribally-specified foster homes and 59 active, licensed county foster homes.

For more information about becoming a foster parent, call DHHS's foster care hotline at (707) 499-3410.



# Humboldt County's high rate of troubled childhoods

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – An agency that administers tobacco tax-funded children's programs reports that the county, together with Mendocino County, has the highest percentage in the state of adult residents who have had adverse childhood experiences.

At its April 19 meeting, the Board of Supervisors fielded an annual report from First 5 Humboldt, the commission that oversees spending of Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenue on children's and families' programs. First 5 Executive Director Mary Ann Hansen highlighted sections of the agency's 2015 Annual Community Report that she said "tell a particularly important story regarding the children of Humboldt County."

The report states that "with Mendocino, Humboldt

County has the highest proportion of adults in California who have experienced four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) when they were children."

The chance of developing serious health conditions "goes up dramatically with four or more ACES," according to the report.

It also states that Humboldt County has the state's highest percentage of children with "special needs" – Hansen said nearly one out of every five local children are identified that way – as well as "a child abuse and neglect report rate that is nearly 50 percent higher than the California average."

While Hansen acknowledged that the county's substantiated rate of child abuse is "about average," she said that report rates are "actually predictive of death before the age of five by accident or injury, so it's not a number to be ignored."

According to the community report, reduced smoking has led to a 40 percent drop in First 5 Humboldt's tobacco tax revenue since 2004. But the agency has established



**Mary Ann Hansen**

a "sustainability fund" to maintain priority programs and served 5,919 local children up to five years of age in 2015.

First 5 supervises 16 social parent and children's playgroups in the county and its funding contributions include six family and community resource centers and the Betty Chinn Day Center.

The agency also partners with the Humboldt County Office of Education to fund the Mental Health Collaborative focusing on families and children up to eight years old.

Hansen said First 5's free services are "focused on strengthening families" and added, "our focus is about prevention."

Supervisor Estelle Fennell vouched for the effectiveness of the agency's programs, having seen playgroups in action.

"It puts people together, so they can form that foundation and support each other as they bring their kids up and provide a healthy childhood for them," she said.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace noted that 2015 marked the retirement of First 5's long-serving former executive director, Wendy Rowan. He told Hansen, "It's been great having you step in and as you know, I'm a huge fan of the work of First 5."

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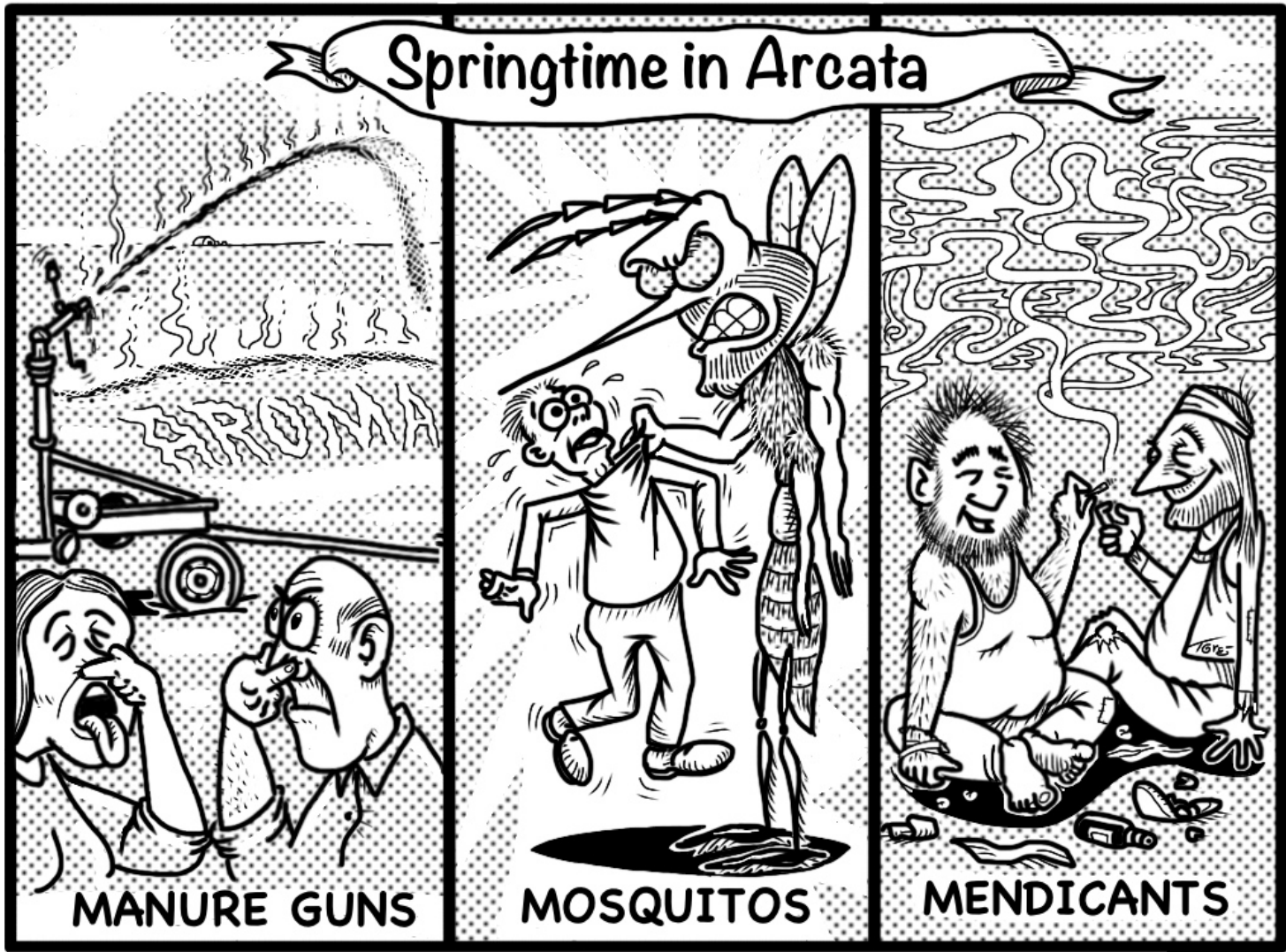
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# OPINION



## Over the Manila Dunes and to the beach

We walked to the beach behind our home in Manila last Wednesday, as we often do, and made our way up and over the dunes and through the green and gold beach grass that occasionally jabs you with its sharp ends, but never leaves a mark, just a fleeting pain like a pinprick.

The dogs led the way up the trail near the neighborhood's official tsunami evacuation site, then down to a boggy hollow where the path is arched with willows and there's a place that my wife has designated as "The Kissing Spot." It's a good place to melt away into eternity until the kiss ends and you're back to swatting mosquitoes.

We tip-toed around the bog, through the alternate trail that bypasses a large puddle in which the dogs ran and splashed and covered themselves in mud, and made our way to the magical spot where the jet-engine roar of the ocean gets louder and louder as you climb atop a dune and it's like the curtain has been lifted for The Big Show. The ocean is spread out before you and always – without exception – you marvel at the scene. Everybody does.

Off in the distance we could see Trinidad Head, where the Bruno de Hezeta expedition erected a cross in 1775 and claimed the country for



Spain. A different cross now stands at the location. It's made of granite and while I'm not normally a praying man or a religious man, I did pray there once and something miraculous happened. I attribute this to love and fate, two words from which an entire religion could be formed, or which the "best of" albums of existing religions could be distilled down to.

But I digress. After taking in the view, we marched down to the surf, where the dogs swam and we wandered and picked up pieces of driftwood and threw them for the dogs. Eventually, the dogs went about entertaining themselves, and we sat down on a giant, flat log, cuddled up close and laughed and looked for whales.

I scanned the sea, looking for spouts, but saw none because you don't see whales when you're looking for them, at least not in my world. You have to be on the beach not thinking about whales. Then you might glance over and see a spout. Despite knowing this, I kept looking, kept scanning the waters. A strip of gun metal gray anchored the horizon and puffy clouds that looked like lambs shimmered in the coagulated blue, portending a rain storm, which came later that night.

The sun sank lower and created a

brilliant, blinding, silver reflection on the water that extended in a sloppy, wavy line from the shore, out to sea and beyond. It was so bright I had to squint. I counted at least a dozen sets of waves, which rose from the shoreline, each one bigger than the one before, ascending like a foamy staircase to Neptune's temple.

There came that unspoken moment when we both knew it was time to head home, and we started to wander back towards the dunes, and then Kim asked "Are we ready to head back?" She didn't have to ask; she already knew.

We retraced our steps. Back in the dunes, we stopped and our 4-month-old puppy, Ruby Begonia, invigorated from the salty brine, ran with wild abandon up and down and around the dunes, boundless energy powering the lanky legs that she's learning to use. Around and around Ruby ran, weaving and dodging side to side, like a quarter-back scrambling towards a touchdown. Hula, our senior dog, chewed a stick and smiled. When Ruby finally slowed down, we crossed back through the beach grass and made our way home, where the cats awaited our arrival.

Later that night, through the port-holes in our bedroom, we listened to the sea crash and boom, and fell asleep as gray whales stealthily passed by along our coast, heading north for the summer.

*Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they'll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; anything beyond that is replaced by an ellipsis. Otherwise, the responses are unedited. – Ed.*

## Do you think that state and federal agencies which operate locally are responsive to the Humboldt community's needs?

Some examples might include Caltrans, the Coastal Commission, state Fish and Wildlife and/or the California Highway Patrol.

In many ways, yes. For example, because of our large geographic area, Humboldt County's sheriff's department benefits greatly from the assistance they receive from CHP. In general, our congressman and representatives are doing an excellent job. We are very fortunate that they spend the time and show the interest that they do in our county.

We do have examples where we could better coordinate with State and Federal agencies. A small example is where a lot of time and money was wasted because State Parks did not coordinate with the County connecting Little River State Beach and Clam Beach County Park. Larger examples have been the Federal and State acquisition of agriculture lands that has at times, proved problematic. We have not only lost productive agriculture lands but these lands are also taken off of county tax rolls. As many of us know, expected compensation for those losses has not proved reliable.

If we are not strong economically as a county, we will not be strong politically. That can lead us down a road where forces outside of our community dictate our future for us. We need help but coordination is key to maintain a strong local influence.



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environmental protections and economic development policies and projects.

I know it can be complicated and frustrating to move a project through the maze of permitting requirements, trying to satisfy what are sometimes conflicting missions. Some policies and standards don't always work well here because they are outdated or were created to address issues elsewhere in California.

We sometimes forget that agencies were created to address public concerns about safety and environment, and that most staff strive to deliver services as best they can.

We've all seen strong ideologies or political convictions get in the way of realistic planning that serves our local interests. This is counterproductive. We have to recognize that laws and policies are not always within our control to change or ignore.

Successfully navigating or changing these agencies' policies requires building relationships to get things accomplished. As your supervisor, I will work effectively with state and federal agencies to protect our environment and move important projects forward that serve community interests.

[www.facebook.com/MikeWilson4Supervisor](http://www.facebook.com/MikeWilson4Supervisor)

## ❖ LETTER

### Troubling library cuts

I am writing because I am VERY concerned about the budget problems of our public library. I understand there is a proposed budget that saves money in part by cutting staff in the library's Public Services department that will severely affect the ability of our library system to provide the important public services Humboldt County residents get from our library.

I also understand that this proposed budget would first be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing on April 25. This proposed budget will cut important positions including the Public Services Manager position, which will severely reduce the library's ability to be a library that provides many kinds of information services.

For a library the size of Humboldt County Library, the staff is already small with many positions cut or left unfilled over the last several years resulting in a workload that is already heaving in all departments. Other positions to be cut now include the part-time fiction buyer, a critical task.

Why are crucial positions being cut, with no plans on how those tasks are to be fulfilled in the future, rather than making, for example, smaller across the board cuts for all departments and positions?

Please join me in contacting the Board of Supervisors to encourage them to become involved in saving vital service functions of our crucial and important library, rather than just accepting this proposed budget that will be so damaging to critical information services.

Emily Siegel, LCSW  
Eureka

### Spectacular! Spectacular! thanks

Burningleaf Productions and KMUD, Community Radio would like to express great appreciation and thanks to the dedication of the community, the volunteers and the many sponsors that helped make this year's third annual Spectacular! Spectacular! a successful community gathering and fundraiser for KMUD. This year's Intergalactic Garden party was outrageously entertaining and out-of-this-world fun.

First off, a huge thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who put in their time and care, this event could not happen without their support.

Big thanks to all of the entertainers and crew that made the event so diverse. The Japonize Elephants, Bada Bling! Burlesque, The Metamorphosis Ballet, Sita Acevedo, Maya Dessa, Carlos and Aaron of Luminosity, MC Sam Greenspan, Circus Of the Elements, Marjo Lak, Wu-Wei and Phutureprimitive. To those who supported behind the scenes, Mike "Tofu" Schwartz and Bass Craft on sound, Bryce Cherpelis and 12BC Pro for running the amazing lighting effects, World Famous Productions for management and tech and CJ Stewart on visuals.

And, of course, without the support of our generous sponsors this event would not be possible! Much gratitude to Outlaw Kitchen and many volunteers who worked tirelessly to feed over 200 guests and 100 staff, volunteers and performers. Thanks to Humboldt Sweets for donating all the delectable dessert! Gratitude to Wonderland Nursery, Light Heart, Redwood Roots, Community Credit Union of Southern Humboldt, Booty Shakin' Music Productions, Crush, Harvest, North Coast Horticulture, Humboldt Green, Northern Nights Music Festival, Jason Allen Photography, Lost Coast Gallery, Avidity Boutique Cellars, Cabot Vineyards, Frey Vineyards, Humboldt Distillery, Phaneros Gallery, Roman Villagrana, Forget-Me-Not Photo Booth, Pierson Building Center, Planet Teas, Signature Coffee, Stone Spirits, The Philosopher's Stone, Wildberries Marketplace, Wrangletown Cider, The Tofu Shop, Mesculine Mike Mushrooms, Becks Bakery, Loleta Cheese Factory, Cypress Grove Chevre, Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery, Humboldt Bay Oysters, Aqua-Rodeo Farms, Nonna Lena's, Chautauqua Natural Foods, Lagunitas Brewery, Mad River Brewery, Lost Coast Brewery, Eel River Brewery, Redwood Curtain Brewery, Six Rivers Brewery, Brio Breadworks, Arise Gluten Free Bakery, Henry's Olives, Pocket of Posies, Miller Farms and Sun Valley Floral Farms. And big thanks to Mike Rice and Shawn from The Arcata Community Center for spending the extra hours setting and cleaning up all our messes!

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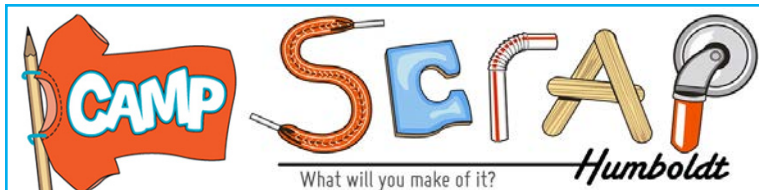
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### Sixth art night season starts

#### TRINIDAD ART NIGHTS

TRINIDAD – Trinidad Art Nights is back in Fiday, May 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Once again this year, Cher-Ae Heights Casino will provide a shuttle service, from the top of the hill down to the bay. See some fabtastic new art at the following venues:

**The Lighthouse Grill** 355 Main St. – Acrylics on canvase by Antoinette (Toni) Magyar.

**Ned Simmons Gallery** 380 Janis Ct. – Paintings by the late Ned Simmons, presented by the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust.

**Saunder's Park** at the start of Patricks Point Drive – Skate ramps and face painting, open drum jam at 6 p.m. and a fire performance extravaganza with Circus of the Elements at 8:30 p.m.

**Saunder's Plaza East** lot near Murphy's – Music by Rosewater, a tribute to the Grateful Dead.

**Strawberry Rock Gallery** 343 Main St. – Featuring diverse local talent in Humboldt County and surrounding areas, including paintings, photography, jewelry, sculptures, pottery and more. Shows change monthly.

**Sunset Restaurant** 27 Scenic Dr. – Photography by Joe Mathewson and music by guitarist Michael Dayvid.

**Trinidad Art Gallery** 490 Trinity St. – Woodwork by Kurt Hellmich, digital photography by Ranjith Jim Box and music by JD Jeffries and Howdy Emmerson.

**Trinidad Eatery** 607 Parker Rd. – "Big Spoons!" woodcarving by Douglas Beck and music by For Folks Sake!

**Trinidad Museum** 400 Janis Ct. – Fragment of recently-authenticated 1775 Spanish Cross on view and jazz standards by Val Leone.

**Trinidad School** 300 Trinity St. – "Boffer Battle," styrofoam swords and battle axes for kids and adults alike in the field behind the school.

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**ARCATA BOTTOMS** Digital photography by Ranjith Jim Box at Trinidad Art Gallery.

## Rites of spring



**THE SPRING COLLECTIVE** College of the Redwoods art students present "The Spring Collective" during Arts Alive! on Saturday, May 7 with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. at 527 Second St., the new Trajectory space, adjoined to the Vance Hotel in Eureka. This one-night-only event debuts freshly curated work by six emerging artists. Michael B. Rude, Sheala Dunlap, Margaret Cape, Tristan Spencer, Jake Langston and Elisha Ehrhardt show works of sculpture, mixed media, illustration and photography. The exhibit showcases a wide variety of different passions and inspirations of sculptural, contemporary and sequential art, including Rude's upcycled sculptures of wildlife, left, that bring attention to tainted natural food sources. Together, the six artists have been collectively working together for the past three months creating a series of works to be displayed at this event, sharing studio space, constructive criticism and passion to collaboratively create "The Spring Collective."



**JUNIOR SAILORS** The Junior Sailing Program is one of the featured groups at the Humboldt Bay Safety Salute & Opening Day this Saturday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

#### HUMBOLDT YACHT CLUB

EUREKA – Humboldt Yacht Club (HYC) invites the public to the Humboldt Bay Safety Salute & Opening Day this Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building and Eureka Public Marina, 1 Marina Way.

With an emphasis on bay safety, local agencies will provide interactive displays, demonstrations and educational public safety services for community members.

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The club promotes recreational boating on Humboldt Bay and surrounding waters and has a full calendar of events for dinghies, keelboats, offshore and in-bay racing, as well as many social events during the year.

Families are encouraged to attend with their children. There will be a line-casting contest for youngsters and an El Toro dinghy race demo. Sea Scouts will host a knot table and heaving line demonstration and the sailboat "rain gutter regatta." Coastie the talking robot will wander about entertaining the youngest sailors.

HYC will fire up the grill and offer reasonably priced dogs and burgers at their food booth.

**MAY POLE DANCE** The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite all to a World Dance Party, Friday, May 6 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata's Creamery District. The event features a May Pole dance with live music followed by a dance party with Chubritza, Randy & Larry and The Ethniks. The May Pole Dance is free, but if you'd like to stay, they ask for a \$5 donation for the rest of the evening. There will also be prize giveaways and Dutch raffle to raise money for music camp scholarships! All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, [kurumada@humboldt.edu](mailto:kurumada@humboldt.edu), [humboldtfolk dancers.org](http://humboldtfolk dancers.org)

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# Put on your furry hat, crab-walk to the store and buy whatever looks simplest to cook

Spring in Humboldt is such a schizophrenic hodgepodge of joy and suffering – joy because the produce is finally expanding beyond kale and sweet potatoes, suffering because wind and horrible glaring cold sun.

That kind of weather leaves me absolutely exhausted. I’m exhausted just looking out the window at it. Most days, I am a fully functional human adult, which entails occasional leaving of house and getting exercise, talking to other humans, etc. When the wind is a’blusterin’, I put on my furry hat, crab-walk to the Co-op and buy whatever looks simplest and tastiest to cook.

This month has been heavy on asparagus (sick of it), rhubarb (never enough) and peas (just coming into the stores). Local peas are such a treat! They’ll come from my mother’s garden in a wee bit, but for now, some farms are getting some green beauties on the shelves. I like pods, but even more I like peas, so I treat



myself by shelling, which is one of my favorite cooking activities.

Those that know me in the kitchen know I have a righteous collection of aprons, and I just adore playing Grandma and shelling peas into my apron whilst playing country music and drinking tea. Of course, a really unbeatable side dish is peas fried in ghee served with toasted cumin and lumps of pan fried paneer, but I am often too weak from spring winds to make paneer and would rather have something a bit simpler and cleaner.

Last week, in the interest of ease, I boiled fresh peas and paired them with lemon, pecorino and mint, and wrapped them in a buttery omelette. It made such a nice quick yummy meal. With toast or potatoes it can be dinner.

If you are even *lazier*, another nice thing to do is take peas still in their shells, put them evenly on a baking sheet, crumble a handful of raw minced bacon on top and cook at 400°, shaking once or twice until the pods are opening and starting to brown. Dump all in bowl and eat with fingers, popping peas and bacon into gaping mouth.

Ease! Flavor! Sloth! Green vegetables!

## Brown Butter, Peas, and Mint Omelette

Serves one heartily.  
Also good with a blop of sour cream or creme fraiche.

- Ingredients**
  - 1/3 cup fresh or frozen peas
  - 2 tsp. olive oil
  - 1 tsp. grated lemon zest
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
  - 3 eggs
  - 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
  - 2 tbsp. grated pecorino romano
  - 1 - 2 tbsp. thinly sliced mint leaves
- Boil the peas in salted water for 2 minutes - drain and add oil, salt, pepper and lemon zest.
- In an omelette pan, let the butter brown over medium heat, until the foam settles and the liquid above turns tan. Pour in the whisked eggs, turn the heat down a bit, and let cook very gently, moving the eggs about so they slowly start firming evenly. When they look about halfway cooked, add all the peas and half the cheese and mint; fold and let cook another minute, flip and cook another minute. If you cannot flip, cover the pan for 90 seconds. Gently slide onto plate and sprinkle with remaining cheese and mint, and a bit of salt and pepper.
- If you are a meat person, some fried pancetta or bacon or prosciutto would not go amiss amongst the peas.

**PINTS FOR NONPROFITS** Celebrate May the Fourth Be With You and drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, May 4**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits Humboldt Humbrewers.

**SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT** See *The Blob* (1958) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 4** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. In his first starring role, Steve McQueen plays a typical oversexed, car-lovin’ highschooler who can’t get anyone to believe his story about a huge meteor, which crashes to earth and begins exuding a pink, gooey substance. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

**CALYPSO FINALE** Humboldt State Calypso Band ends its 30th anniversary celebration in the place where the band began – HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall – with a concert featuring a guest artist, the legendary steel pan player Andy Narell, on **Thursday, May 5** at 8 p.m. Narell will hold a free workshop for HSU students on **Wednesday, May 4** at 3 p.m., followed by a rehearsal with the Calypso Band, open to the public at no charge. Tickets are \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free to HSU students with ID, from HSU Box Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door. [HSUMusic.blogspot.com](#).

**‘THE STONE AGE’** for this Thursday at midnight will air the work of Cream, Bob Dylan, Fleetwood Mac with Peter Green and many others for a celebration of electric music from the 1960s and ’70s. *The Stone Age* appears every week on KHSU 90.5 FM when Wednesday checks out and Thursday begins. More information about this program can be had at Public Radio Exchange.

**MONEY & MARIJUANA** Jerry Martien will read and sign copies of his new book,

*The Price of a Life: Shell, Gold, Carbon Note and Weed—Four Kinds of Money in the Humboldt Bay/Six Rivers Region*, at Northtown Books, 957 H St. in Arcata, on **Friday, May 6** at 7 p.m. The fruit of four decades of research and reporting, the book is attributed to Dr Loon, a nom de guerre Martien adopted during the Nixon drug wars, which he uses whenever he writes about money and marijuana. *The Price of a Life* is a mixture of historical research and Dr Loon’s personal experience in four kinds of economy: the traditional valuations of Native California shell exchange; the rush for gold and the lives of miners and prospectors; working with wood amid a declining lumber and pulp industry; and the arrival and development of a new “green” culture that made a weed its money. The book was printed at Bug Press in Arcata, in a limited edition, for a local audience. [info@northtownbooks.com](mailto:info@northtownbooks.com), (707) 822-2834

**SYMPHONY & ORCHESTRA** An orchestral suite from the opera *Carmen*, favorites by Rachmaninoff and Copland and a tribute to Louis Armstrong highlight two combined concerts by the Humboldt Symphony and the ArMack Orchestra of Arcata and McKinleyville high schools, in a home-and-home series on **Friday, May 6** at 8 p.m. in HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall and **Sunday, May 8** at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building theatre at Arcata High School. Admission is \$5. [HSUMusic.blogspot.com](#)

**PLANT SALE** Spruce up your garden and brighten up your home with new plants and flowers! Humboldt Botanical Garden’s Annual Spring Plant Sale is **Saturday, May 7** beginning at 9 a.m., featuring native and exotic plants, succulents, trees and vines and lovely plants in cups and bowls – just in time for Mother’s Day gifts. Admission is free. Want to be a member? Go to the garden Friday evening, May 6 and join to get first choice of plants and have wine and cheese with other members. (707) 442-5139, [hbgf.org](#)

**PLANT SALE TOO** The Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd., Eureka, is having its Mother’s Day Plant Sale **Saturday, May 7** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Sunday May 8** from noon to 4 p.m. Plants were grown and donated by grange members, so there will be a large variety of house plants, vegetable starts, succulents and flowers for the garden. This is a fundraiser for the grange. If you have some plants you would like to donate the Grange will be open Friday afternoon for drop-off. If you want to volunteer, need something picked up, or want more information contact Kathy at (707) 498-0801.

**SWEET BEATS** ArMack Jazz Band presents “Sweet Beats,” an evening of sweets, swing dancing and silent auction **Saturday, May 7** at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from any Arcata or McKinleyville High Band member and Wildwood Music or by phone at (707) 496-5625. All proceeds benefit ArMack Jazz Band.

**COFFEE & SWEAT** HSU Jazz Orchestra cooks “Awful Coffee” and exudes “Positive Sweat” in its adventurous concert of contemporary big band jazz, with originals by current and recent HSU students, on **Saturday May 7** at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. Other selections on the playlist include an Ellington-inflected piece by David Berger, Pedro Giraudo’s “El Cuento Que Te Cuento,” a medley of “Samba de Orfeo” from the 1959 film *Black Orpheus* and a Louis Armstrong tune from the late 1920s by acclaimed arranger Oded Lev-Ari. Tickets are \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free to HSU students with ID, from HSU Box Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door. [HSUMusic.blogspot.com](#).

**MOKKA MUSIC** The Ethniks play international tunes on **Saturday, May 7** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-

2228

**LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER** Dumpstaphunk plays the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., on **Saturday, May 7** at 11:50 p.m. The quintet features Ivan Neville on vocals, B3 and Clav, the double bass attack and soulful voices of Tony Hall and Nick Daniels III, Ian Neville on guitar and the monster addition of Nikki Glaspie on drums and vocals. Tickets are \$18 advance/\$22 at the door. (707) 822-1220, [arcatatheater.com](#)

**AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL** Dee Hemingway performs at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, May 8** at 5 p.m.

**HONORING MOTHERS** The love, selflessness, and personal sacrifice of mothers will be examined at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, May 8** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers,” highlights the transformation women undergo when they take on the role of a mother. This Lifetree session is designed to honor the work of mothers while giving participants an opportunity to reflect on the impact of moms in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, [bobdipert@hotmail.com](#)

**GLORIA** Humboldt Chorale revives a favorite in John Rutter’s “Gloria” and the University Singers celebrate the blessings of nature in the music of seven cultures, on **Sunday, May 8** at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. The two choirs combine to end the concert with a gospel song, “The Storm is Passing Over.” John Chernoff accompanies University Singers on piano, and Larry Pitts plays organ for Humboldt Chorale. Tickets are \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free to HSU students with ID, from HSU Box Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door. [HSUMusic.blogspot.com](#).

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MAY 4	THURSDAY, MAY 5	FRIDAY, MAY 6	SATURDAY, MAY 7	SUNDAY, MAY 8	MONDAY, MAY 9	TUESDAY, MAY 10
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	9:30 p.m. Four Tet	8 p.m. • Savage Remote comedy	9:30 p.m. Dumpstaphunk	6 p.m. • <i>Freaky Friday</i> (2003)		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. The Mojo Rockers	9 p.m. Uptown Kings	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. Cody Jinks	9 p.m. Zepparella	9:30 p.m. Midnight North	9 p.m. Miracle Show			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp				9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More VibeZ	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata			7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. Baron & Duane			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Scratch- dog Stringband	9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. Karaoke Night	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Griddle Cakes	6 p.m. Blake Ritter	6 p.m. Ultra Secret	6 p.m. Yokels			6 p.m. ATF Trio
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Vanishing Pints				7 p.m. Bingo	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville			9 p.m. • The Mov- ers & The Shakers	9 p.m. Michael Trew	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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Gospel powerhouses unite forces for spring concert

Janine Volkmar  
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir (AIGC) returns to the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts for their spring concert, Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m..

The choir last performed at the Arkley in May 2013, to celebrate a successful Kickstarter campaign. Blues stand-out Earl Thomas was a guest soloist, along with local boy Dave Fleschner on piano.

Usually, the spring concert is a prayer breakfast at the Arcata Community Center but this year's concert will feature both the AIGC and guest choir, The Oakland Interfaith Community Choir, under the direction of the vibrant Terrance Kelly.



The AIGC Youth Choir will complete the lineup. Kelly is the recipient of an Emmy, a Local Heroes Award



**LIFT UP YOUR HANDS** The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, above, always presents a rousing show; this year's spring concert will also feature the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, led by Emmy-award winner Terrance Kelly, left.

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from KQED Television and the Dr. Edwin Hawkins Excellence Award. He has directed the OIGC since 1986.

It was a performance of the OIGC in Arcata that inspired the founding of the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir.

Kelly is the son of Ed Kelly, a jazz and gospel pianist, and the late Faye Kelly, a gospel choir director and pianist. He has traveled as far as Australia and Israel to teach gospel music and sings with the San Francisco Opera Chorus.

“With Kelly, the walls sing” said Sharon Hymes-Offord, a member of the OIGC, “The paint on the walls sings. He brought sounds out of my body that I didn’t even understand existed. He brings that out of all of us. He is a master of what he does.”

The AIGC is now 70 members strong under the direction of Louis Hoiland. The Youth Choir is directed by Lorien Sanchez.

The Youth Choir is a recent recipient of a Humboldt Sponsors grant for scholarships to expand the choir.

Tickets for the concert are \$15/\$1 for kids 5 and under. There will be a silent auction, a raffle and choir shirts and CDs for sale. A no-host bar and snacks will be available.

Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace, The Works and at *BrownPaperTickets.com*. If available, they will also be sold at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m.

(707) 822-4444, *arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com*

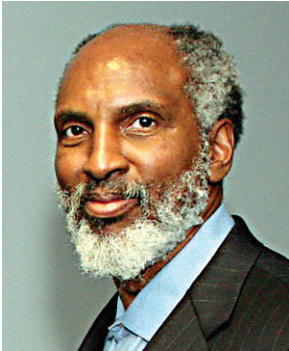
❖ INCLUSIVENESS INITIATIVE

Everyone is welcome to ‘Our North Coast’

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt Area Foundation, Humboldt State and more than 20 local organizations, agencies, and funders have joined forces with the UC Berkeley Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society to present “Our North Coast,” an initiative of public talks and intensive workshops aimed to create a more welcoming and inviting climate for all cultures and backgrounds in the region. These talks will be open to the public and designed specifically for individuals and organizations looking to learn how to better identify and change patterns and systems locally holding people back from succeeding and thriving.

The 18-month initiative starts this month with talks by author, professor, change-maker Haas Institute director and renowned expert in civil rights and civil liberties, John A. Powell. The talks will be held in both Humboldt and Del Norte counties.



John A. Powell

Powell will speak first at HSU’s Goodwin Forum on Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m., addressing “The Science of Equality: Addressing Racial Anxiety, Implicit Bias & Stereotype Threat.” Powell will address the neuroscience of bias, and what research teaches about the concepts and strategies individuals and institutions can use to effectively address structural racism and exclusion.

Powell will then speak in Eureka on Thursday, May 5 at 6 p.m. at the Humboldt County Office of Education Sequoia Conference Center on “Giving Birth to A Society In Which Everyone Belongs.” This talk focuses on understanding what individuals can do in their personal lives and workplaces to create a more welcoming community. The same talk will be held the following day, Friday, May 6 east of Crescent City at 10:30 a.m. at the Elk Valley Rancheria.

The initiative also includes classes for participants from various local organizations. They will explore best practices, tools, and resources. And they will create, test, and implement equitable, inclusive practices and policies.

Organizations involved in planning and funding this work include The California Endowment; Patricia D. & William B. Smullin Foundation; Footprint Foundation; St. Joseph Health; First 5 Humboldt; the HSU California Center for Rural Policy; McKinleyville Family Resource Center; Multi-Generational Center; City of Arcata; Building Healthy Communities Del Norte; Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services; True North Organizing Network; HSU Associated Students; CASA Del Norte and others.

The UC Berkeley Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society brings together researchers and scholars, community partners, strategic communicators, and policymakers to identify and eliminate the barriers to an inclusive, just, and sustainable society and to create transformative change toward a more equitable world.

For more information, visit *ournorthcoast.org* or call (707) 442-2993.

DIGITAL MEDIA SHOWCASE

The third annual College of the Redwoods Digital Media Showcase, celebrating the hard work and amazing creations of CR Digital Media students past and present, takes place **Thursday, May 5** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Access Humboldt's Community Media Center on the Eureka High School Campus. Enter through Del Norte and L streets or the back parking lot off Humboldt and K streets. Attendees will see examples of cartoon animation, web design, Photoshop, video production, motion graphics, digital storytelling, desktop publishing and can demo student-created video games on the Big Screen. Digital Media instructors will be on hand to answer questions about the program. The public is invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments at this free event. *isweb.redwoods.edu/dm*

❖ GET OUTSIDE

Saddle up, it's Bike Month!

THE BIKE MONTH

HUMBOLDT COALITION

HUMBOLDT – The Bike Month Humboldt Coalition is sponsoring many events in May for Humboldt Bike Month. Gear up for events planned throughout Humboldt County!

Free Bike Clinics

The Bike Month Humboldt Coalition is partnering with local bike shops to offer free bicycle clinics in May.

Revolution Bicycles, 1593 G St. in Arcata, will host a workshop on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Learn basic maintenance skills and explore options for commuting by bike.

Arcata Bike to Work Day

On Wednesday, May 11, Bike to Work Day will kick off in Arcata at the North Coast Co-op's morning energizer station, where cyclists wearing helmets will

get free hot drinks, snacks and bike tune-ups from 7 to 9 a.m.

Then, join the crowd on two wheels for a rally at noon on the Arcata Plaza. Meet fellow cyclists, take a tour of the new Arcata City Trail, join the Humboldt Bike Challenge, get a free bike tune-up, and show community support for the bicycle as a fun and inexpensive transportation choice.

Humboldt Bike Shorts

The Bike Month Humboldt Coalition welcomes the community to the Humboldt Bike Shorts film night on Thursday, May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Siren's Song Tavern, 325 Second St., Eureka. Enjoy a diversity of short films covering bicycle culture, commuting, cargo biking families, innovative bicycle infrastructure and videos

just for fun. Get inspired and meet fellow community members at this all-ages event.

Family Bike Day

Sport & Cycle, 475 N. Fortuna Blvd., hosts a Family Bike Day on Saturday May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering kids' bicycle safety checks and bicycle demos for the whole family.

Eureka Bike to Work Day

Bike Month Humboldt invites all to Bike to Work Day Eureka on Wednesday, May 18, which will kick off at the North Coast Co-op's morning energizer station from 7 to 9 a.m., followed by a rally at noon at the Old Town Gazebo. Meet other folks on two wheels, join the Humboldt Bike Challenge, get a free bike tune-up and show community support for the bicycle.

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**HAPPY CAMPERS** Participants in the 2016 Coastal Connections Camp. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**FRIENDS OF THE DUNES**

MANILA – Registration is open for summer camps at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, located in Manila between the Humboldt Bay and Pacific Ocean, an ideal location for exploring diverse coastal habitats by foot.

Participants will visit beaches, dunes, wetlands, and coastal forests while learning about nature and history through inquiry-based learning and creative expression. Participants will learn about the animals and plants that live there through games, songs, crafts, stories, and hands-on exploration.

Two sessions of the Dune Detectives Camp for ages 5 to 7 will take place the weeks of July 25 to 29 and Aug. 8 to 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of this half day program is \$100, or \$80 for Friends of the Dunes members and Manila residents.

The Coastal Connections Camp for ages 8 to 10 will take place the week of Aug. 22 to 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of this program is \$150, or \$125 for Friends of the Dunes members and Manila residents.

Extended Care is available before and after the programs for an additional fee. Register online at [friendsofthedunes.org](http://friendsofthedunes.org) or stop by the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, [suzie@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:suzie@friendsofthedunes.org).

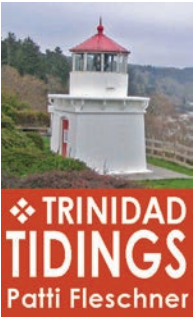
Courting Disaster, spring flinging sets hearts jumping

**C**ourting Disaster, the controversial court case of Brimstone vs. Prettybottom, takes place on Saturday, May 21 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall.

The Born in a Trunk Melodrama, written and directed by John Meyers, is a stirring courtroom tale involving the tactics of Attorney Shy Stir (Keven Harder) against new-to-the-bar Attorney Shakee (Will Hardwick) defending their respective clients: plaintiff Helfer Brimstone (David Pryor) and defendant Melissa Prettybottom (Julie Hjerpe). Judge Feather (Ali-

An unusual aspect of the case is that instead of the usual jury of 12, the jury, consisting of the entire audience, will decide the result of the trial.

Tickets, at \$10 each, are available at Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza and at Hair Unlimited, 1640 G St. in Arcata, as well as at the door. Refreshments will be available. The production is a joint benefit for the Trinidad Museum Society and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. Call (707) 677-3816 for information.



**Spring Fling at WCA**

The 14th Annual Spring Fling takes place Sunday, May 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr., Trinidad. The Compost Mountain Boys and Tim Breed will perform. Grill masters Randy Martinez, Vaughn Beer and Stephen Spoelman will barbecue chicken, ribs and tofu burgers. The ladies of WCA will serve beans, salads and desserts and Mad River Brewing Company will offer beverages for sale. California wines and soft drinks also will be available.

Children can create their own art with the assistance of Jeff Stanley and Toni Magyar. A spring-themed raffle with gifts provided by generous local businesses will be held, along with a free concert. Food and refreshments will be priced very reasonably. Please leave pets at home.



**GOOD GUYS** Born in a Trunk is Courting Disaster. SUBMITTED PHOTO

son Silver), kind bailiff (Jim Willits), ever-young Mrs. Prettybottom (Greta Daniels) and heartless Drucilla (Jayne Bauer) add to the confusion and hilarity.

Kai ushers in Black Dog Month at the shelter

**E**veryone knows about my fondness for black dogs by now. I have two of my own and a foster dog that fits this category, and then all my canine friends at the shelter.

As of this writing, there are 17 adoptable dogs at the shelter, of which 10 are predominantly black. I am thrilled to say that the kennel management has humored my request and black dogs will be on sale for the month of May!

I have written up most of them for this column already, but may highlight more this month. Again, it is hard to say why these dogs are passed over, but I can vouch for them each as unique personalities and great companions. Come celebrate the unofficial Black Dog Month at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter!

As a bonus, Redwood Pals Rescue will throw in a new leash for your new dog if you mention that you read about

it here in my column. The sale will apply to all the black dogs already in the shelter as of May 1.

One of the few dogs of other colors at the shelter is our big American Bull Dog mix, Kuma. Kuma is about four years old and has a fawn and white coat. He weighs in at about 75 pounds.

Kuma is a strong dog on the leash, but a gentle fellow once he has had a chance to get out and run around for a few minutes. He loves to play fetch and calms right down after ten minutes of chasing a ball.

Kuma also loves the chance to play with another dog in the play yard. He does best with dogs closer to his own size as he doesn't really know how big he is! He is best friends with the beautiful dog Allie at the shelter and they can play and roll around for hours.

Kuma is very affectionate and would love a special human friend of his own. He likes his treats and should be relatively easy to train for different commands and better leash manners.

We volunteers try to find a balance between training and recreation time when we have the dogs out, in order to burn off a little energy and let the dogs have some fun. The possibilities for improving a shelter dog's manners increase exponentially as soon as they are not spending twenty-three hours a day in a kennel.

Kuma is neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations. He has been at the shelter since Jan. 7 and is ready for a new home today! Kuma is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals has black dogs too! One of our more recent fosters is this beautiful dog Kai. Kai is a 2-year-old black lab and pit bull mix.

His fosters have been so impressed with his behavior. They are students and would keep him if travel was not in their future plans. Here's what his foster mom has to say about him: "He is the sweetest and most loving dog you



will ever meet. He is playful and gentle at the same time. He loves to cuddle and loves neck rubs!

"He also loves to play with other dogs. Little dogs have gone to bite him and he doesn't really notice or care. He looks and acts like a lab but his ears and eyes look like pit. He knows all basic commands and he is house/potty trained.

"His favorite thing is a tennis ball. He will chase that ball until he drops. He's in great shape. I take him on a three-mile run every two days and he is a great running partner. He stays by my side and doesn't cut me off. He loves the beach and ocean as well."

Kai has also been fine around kids and comes when called. This is really a special dog. Please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or (707) 839-9692 if you would like to meet Kai!

**SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE** Humboldt Spay/Neuter Clinic is extending its offer of \$20 spays and neuters for cats through May. They can also help arrange appointments for affordable spay-neuter for dogs. Call (707) 442-SPAY (7729) for an appointment and mention this announcement.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Uncanny sense

4. Swiss river

7. Painter Salvador

11. Error's partner, in phrase

13. Signs outside of hit shows

15. Actor Richard

16. Late, great film director

19. Falling star

20. Farmers' lands

21. Thick beverage

23. Hooter

24. The \_\_\_ Caballeros

27. Shampoo brand

30. Lose one's footing

34. Doctrine

36. Praise

38. 1/4 and 3/4

39. Licorice-like flavoring

40. Advanced high school classes, for short

41. Man of the casa

43. Tip backwards?

44. Curvy characters

46. Happening

47. Brown meat quickly

49. Fruit salad ingredient

51. Live

52. \_\_\_ Lupino

54. Matching pair

56. Baked Alaska and Cherries Jubilee

61. Motive

66. 1953 Pulitzer-prize winning author

68. Roman love deity

69. Father

70. Commonplace

71. Grabs

72. Hair covering

73. Morns

2. Use a sieve

3. Whittle

4. Hardwood tree

5. Operatic solo

6. Campus org.

7. Stickers

8. Eager

9. Add alcohol to

10. Blue and black liquids

11. Bagpiper's accessory

12. Ponce de \_\_\_

14. Torah

17. Get rid of

18. Fell

22. Fry cook's need

24. Bottle resident

25. Ms. Loos

26. Positive response

28. Force out

29. Noosed ropes

31. Friendless one

32. \_\_\_ ear and \_\_\_ out the other

33. Chic and jaunty

34. Military funeral sound

35. \_\_\_ off; anger

37. Eliot's monogram

42. One of two blond actress sisters

45. Intelligence: slang

48. Ones who ascend

50. St. Philip \_\_\_

53. Start of a state capital

55. Nomad's home

56. \_\_\_ Martin

57. Columnist Bombeck

58. Stuck-up person

59. Undernourished

60. Parched

62. Taj Mahal's site

63. Cross the pool

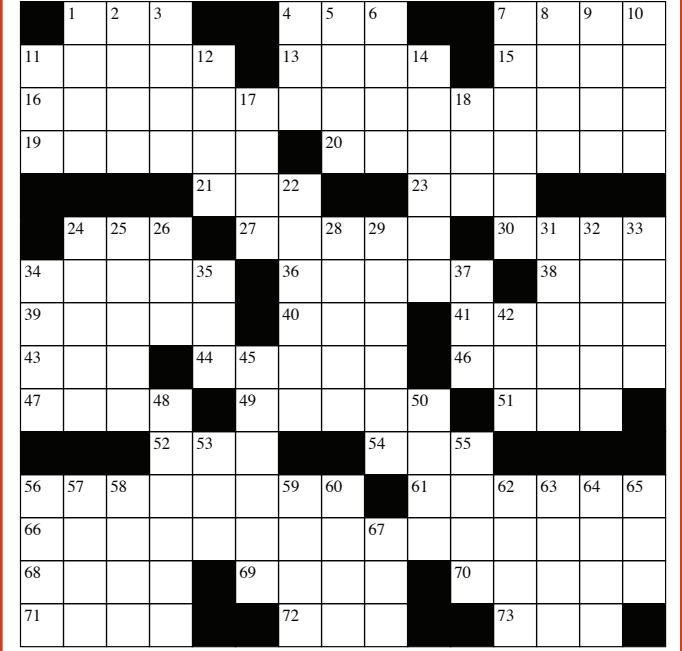
64. Dobbin's dinner

65. U. S. humorist Bill

67. Ran into

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1. \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner



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Dixieland church service

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ARCATA  
ARCATA – The Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 East 16th St., invites the community to a special Dixieland Jazz Service on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
The annual jazz service features the music of The Humboldt Dixieland Allstars, a seven-piece jazz band, and promises to be a spirited celebration of God’s gifts of life, love, and motherhood – all set to a soundtrack of New Orleans-style jazz spirituals. Bring your mother, your kids and join the fun!  
Called a “worship party” by organizers, the Dixieland Service will include elements of traditional Lutheran liturgy alongside lively New Orleans-tinged jazz. The band will provide music before and after the service, and will accompany congregational singing as well as songs by the Church Choir during the service.  
Adding to the day’s festivities will be the participation of guest pastor, the Rev. Geri Cunningham, of Carlotta, who will lead the liturgy and bring the message.  
“Mother’s Day is a fitting day to make a joyful noise to the Lord,” said organizer Jonathan Claasen. “And that’s exactly what we’ll be doing. Join us!”  
The Lutheran Church of Arcata is notable for its beautiful design and setting. Designed by local architect, Marvin Trump, and constructed in the early 1970s the church’s sanctuary is a gorgeous window-filled space.

**SPRING BOOK SALE** Join the Friends of the Arcata Library for their spring book sale, **Saturday, May 7** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arcata Library Conference Room at 500 Seventh St., behind City Hall. The sale includes CDs, DVDs and books for all ages and interests – from mystery to romance, foreign language to science, and cooking to children’s books! Proceeds support collection and computer purchases and special events at the Arcata Library, including twice monthly movie screenings of family-friendly and classic films. (707) 822-5954

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00196

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**BLUE LAKE, CA 95525**  
**MICHAEL A. PIERI**  
**611 J STREET #1176**  
**BLUE LAKE, CA 95525**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/MICHAEL PIERI, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 16, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**MM DEPUTY CLERK**  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00201

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**HIRD CONSTRUCTION**  
**720 HANSEN RD.**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
**P.O. BOX 27**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
**IRA R. HIRD**  
**720 HANSEN RD.**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/IRA HIRD, OWNER**  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00202

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**BABIES LITTLE HELPER**  
**720 HANSEN RD.**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
**P.O. BOX 27**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
**MARIAH A. GREGORI**  
**720 HANSEN RD.**  
**HONEYDEW, CA 95545**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/MARIAH GREGORI, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 17, 2016  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00257

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ARCATA MILLWORKS**  
**5000 WEST END RD.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**

P.O. BOX 215  
ARCATA, CA 95518  
STEPHEN W. RICE  
109 WISTERIA LN.  
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/STEPHEN RICE, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
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4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00275

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ETERNAL TREE HOUSE**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**P.O. BOX 236**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**SOLEDAD ALLMON**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**ROBERT ALLMON**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple  
**S/ROBERT ALLMON, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 18, 2016  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00259

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LIVING OASIS HEALTH CENTER**  
**2020 MAIN ST.**  
**FORTUNA, CA 95540**  
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**ZANNA M. MAJERLE**  
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**FORTUNA, CA 95540**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/ZANNA MAJERLE, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00254

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MCKINLEYVILLE**  
**SKATE PARK**  
**2437 EAST COCHRAN RD.**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

CHARLES E. CALDWELL II  
2437 EAST COCHRAN RD.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/CHARLES E. CALDWELL II, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00282

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**KRITTER COUNTY**  
**1276 NORTH PARK LANE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
**WILLIAM R. BARSANTI**  
**1276 NORTH PARK LANE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/WILLIAM R. BARSANTI, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 20, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**SC DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
JASMINE SYDNEY FERNANDES-SOLIS  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
CASE NO. CV160230  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner JASMINE SYDNEY FERNANDES-SOLIS has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: JASMINE SYDNEY FERNANDES-SOLIS to Proposed name JASMINE SYDNEY LOPEZ-SOLIS.  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be

heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: May 6, 2016  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 8  
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: MAR. 21, 2016  
DALE A. REINSOLTSSEN  
Judge of the Superior Court  
4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ARLITA NADINE MENDES  
CASE NO.: PR160121  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ARLITA NADINE MENDES.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: MILTON ROSE in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: MILTON ROSE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to

the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: May 12, 2016  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 8  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either

(1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN 214737 GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 4/20, 4/27, 5/4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD RAY PARKER

CASE NO.: PR160129  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DONALD RAY PARKER

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: CARLI ZIZZA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CARLI ZIZZA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: May 19, 2016  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 8  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to



trout and steelhead, threw nets for surf fish – which he never caught – went crabbing and clamming.  
An excellent cook, he followed in the footsteps of his mom, using her recipes and collecting his own. He was a member and officer of the Humboldt Mushroom Society for 15 years and was an excellent identifier of all *Agaricus Bisporus*.  
After his mother Maxine died in 1986, Steve bought a lovely home in McKinleyville where he died of a heart attack at 64 surrounded by his fishing gear, downloaded music and movies, and five computers.

Steve loved Humboldt County and, besides being an active member of the Mushroom Society, he joined the Moose Lodge and the Senior Center, volunteering twice weekly teaching seniors computers.

Steve loved learning and talking and had many, many good friends and buddies all over Humboldt County whom he learned from and kibitzed with.

He was a beloved brother to his older sister Barbara Linton Austin, and brother Jeffery Allen Linton. He was a devoted uncle to their children, Isabel Mai Austin-Karlinski and Christopher Ryan Linton. And a dear friend of the Padula family, who treated him like close family.

Steve was funny, quirky, excitable, compassionate and politically conservative, like his parents before him. He was very smart and loved to explain all sorts of esoteric things clearly. Above all, he was a kind, good man who loved nature and lived life in his own happy way. He will be missed every day by those he left behind. He made our lives a little more joyful by being in it. Goodnight sweet fisherman.

A farewell party for Steve will be held for family and friends at The Moose Lodge in McKinleyville on Saturday, June 25 from noon to 4 p.m.



## PAW-TEE!



**BREW AT THE ZOO** Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation holds its biggest and best Brew at the Zoo at 3414 W St., Eureka, on Saturday, May 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. Sample beverages from 17 breweries (seven new participants), chow down on delicious food from two local food trucks (Caribbean delights at Simmer Down and south-of-the-

border tastiness from Rita's Mexican Food), as well as traditional pub grub from the Zoo Café.

Enjoy live music in the Barnyard by The No Good Redwood Ramblers and The Striped Pig Stringband, and rock out to DJ Gabe Pressure and DJ D'vinity.

KSLG will be broadcasting live, and everyone can take home

great memories with special Brew merchandise and from the SmileZ photo booth.

Advance tickets \$35/\$32 for zoo members/\$20 for designated drivers (no beer sampling). At the door, admission is \$45/\$40 for members/\$20 for designated drivers. Brew at the Zoo is a 21 and over event. Ticket price includes a souvenir glass, beer, music and time with the party animals! Cabs will be available outside the zoo to ensure everyone gets home safely. Tickets are available at the Zoo Gift Shop, The Works, Wildberries Marketplace and at [brewatthezoo.brownpaper-tickets.com](http://brewatthezoo.brownpaper-tickets.com).

Proceeds from Brew at the Zoo support the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation's ongoing projects, education and conservation programs.

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**TEAM TRAIL** Thirty-two people from the Volunteer Trail Stewards and the HSU Natural Resources Club spent the Saturday, April 23 Arcata Community Forest volunteer workday rerouting a section of trail 1 that had deteriorating wooden steps. In all, volunteers built 50 feet of trail bench utilizing crib logs; rock armored 60 feet of newly constructed trail tread; removed steps and rebar and then rehabbed the old trail section with ferns, duff & woody debris. Once again, Maureen McGarry from RSVP provided all the food for breakfast and lunch. Volunteers were able to complete two-thirds of the trail reroute project; the remainder will be done by a city crew. The next volunteer workday is Saturday, May 14 at Shay Park, Jolly Giant creek and Janes creek to pick up trash, do trail maintenance, sand graffiti from the Shay park bridges and remove invasive plants from the park and riparian area.

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**GREEN ROOF WEEDING** Volunteers are needed to help maintain the native landscaping around the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center and on the green roof **today, May 4** and every first and third Wednesday of the month, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Participants will be trained and can then volunteer any time that best fits their schedule. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 200 Stamps Lane in Manila. Bring gardening gloves if you have them and come dressed for the weather. (707) 444-1397, [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org)

**DEMARTINI TALKS MARSH** Learn the true stories behind the permanent exhibits at the

Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on **Friday, May 6** at 1 p.m. Retired HSU biology professor John DeMartini continues his series of free one-hour presentations sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh on the first Friday of each month. (707) 826-2359

**BACKCOUNTRY EQUINE WORKSHOP** The HSU Range & Soils Club presents a free "Backcountry Equine Workshop" on **Friday, May 6** from 2 to 4 p.m. in parking lot G15 on 14th Street between A and Union streets. Local farrier and backcountry horseman Uri Driscoll will cover basic care of equines in backcountry environments; selection and use

of proper backcountry tack; and safety/leave no trace principles. [sem11@humboldt.edu](mailto:sem11@humboldt.edu), (707) 826-4064

**BIRDING FIELD TRIP** Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 7**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Chet Ogan in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata

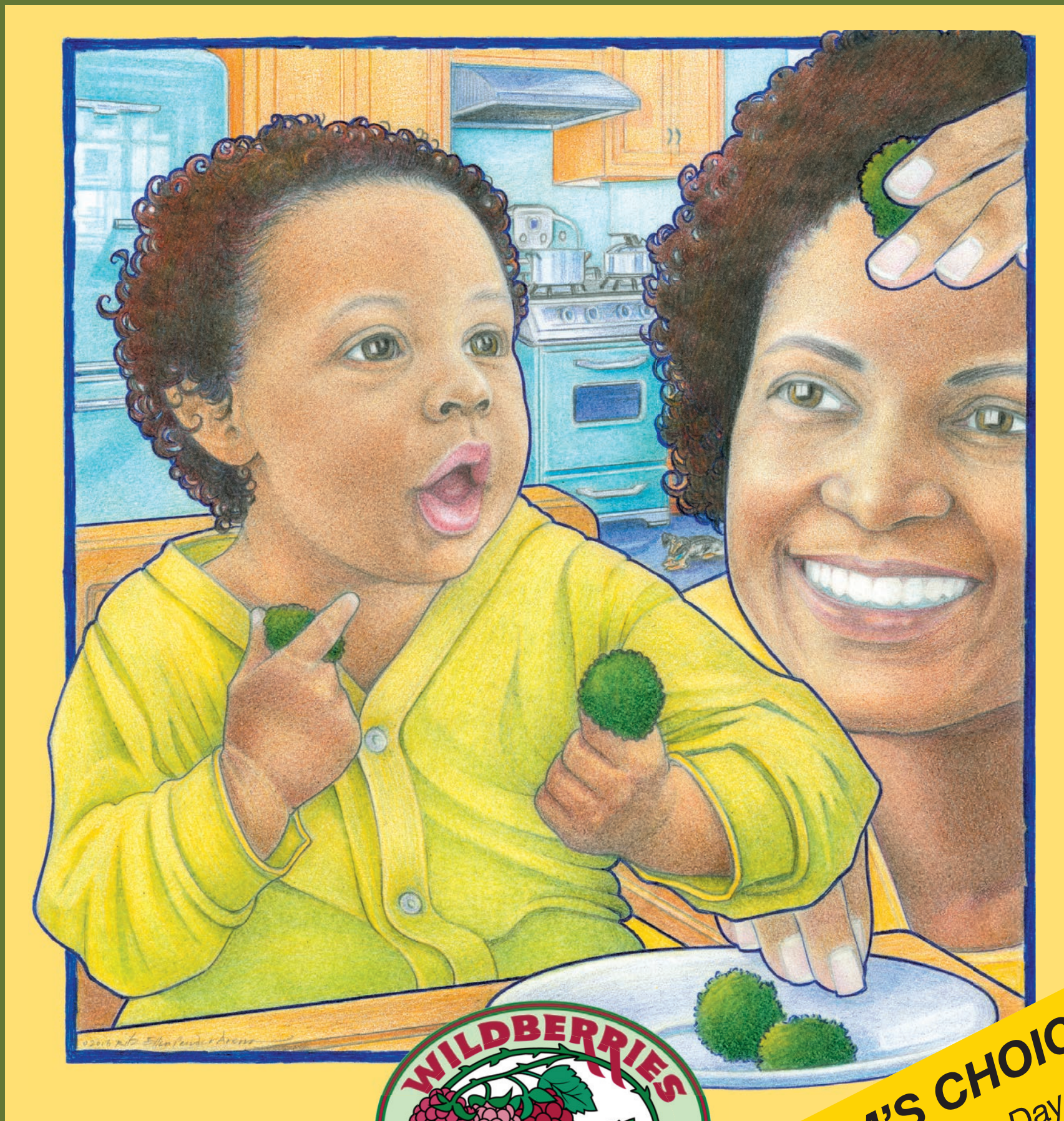
Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 7** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

**HBNWR FIELD TRIP** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, May 8** at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge for a two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Call Jude Power or David Fix at (707) 822-3613 for more information.

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